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2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1456 by replacing 3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1456

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing Section 18-127 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/18-127) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 18-127)

7 Sec. 18-127. Retirement annuity - suspension on 8 reemployment.

(a) A participant receiving a retirement annuity who is regularly employed for compensation by an employer other than a county, in any capacity, shall have his or her retirement annuity payments suspended during such employment. Upon termination of such employment, retirement annuity payments at the previous rate shall be resumed.

If such a participant resumes service as a judge, he or she shall receive credit for any additional service. Upon subsequent retirement, his or her retirement annuity shall be the amount previously granted, plus the amount earned by the additional judicial service under the provisions in effect during the period of such additional service. However, if the participant was receiving the maximum rate of annuity at the time of re-employment, he or she may elect, in a written direction filed with the board, not to receive any additional service credit during the period of re-employment. In such

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case, contributions shall not be required during the period of re-employment. Any such election shall be irrevocable.

- (b) Beginning January 1, 1991, any participant receiving a retirement annuity who accepts temporary employment from an employer other than a county for a period not exceeding 75 working days in any calendar year shall not be deemed to be regularly employed for compensation or to have resumed service as a judge for the purposes of this Article. A day shall be considered a working day if the annuitant performs on it any of his duties under the temporary employment agreement.
- 11 (c) Except as provided in subsection (a), beginning January
  12 1, 1993, retirement annuities shall not be subject to
  13 suspension upon resumption of employment for an employer, and
  14 any retirement annuity that is then so suspended shall be
  15 reinstated on that date.
  - (d) The changes made in this Section by this amendatory Act of 1993 shall apply to judges no longer in service on its effective date, as well as to judges serving on or after that date.
- 20 (e) A participant receiving a retirement annuity under this 21 Article who serves as a part-time employee in any of the following positions: Legislative Inspector General, Special 22 Legislative Inspector General, employee of the Office of the 23 Legislative Inspector General, Executive Director of the 24 25 Legislative Ethics Commission, or staff of the Legislative 26 Ethics Commission, or associate judges who have been appointed as temporary contractual judges to help alleviate any existing 27 backlog of cases as provided in Section 2.1 of the Associate 28 29 Judges Act, but has not elected to participate in the Article 14 System with respect to that service, shall not be deemed to 30 31 be regularly employed for compensation by an employer other 32 than a county, nor to have resumed service as a judge, on the 33 basis of that service, and the retirement annuity payments and other benefits of that person under this Code shall not be 34

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- suspended, diminished, or otherwise impaired solely as a 1 2 consequence of that service. This subsection (e) applies 3 without regard to whether the person is in service as a judge 4 under this Article on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly. In this 5 subsection, a "part-time employee" is a person who is not 6 7 required to work at least 35 hours per week.
  - (f) A participant receiving a retirement annuity under this Article who has made an election under Section 1-123 and who is serving either as legal counsel in the Office of the Governor or as Chief Deputy Attorney General shall not be deemed to be regularly employed for compensation by an employer other than a county, nor to have resumed service as a judge, on the basis of that service, and the retirement annuity payments and other benefits of that person under this Code shall not be suspended, diminished, or otherwise impaired solely as a consequence of that service. This subsection (f) applies without regard to whether the person is in service as a judge under this Article on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 93-685, eff. 7-8-04; 93-1069, eff. 1-15-05.)
- 22 Section 10. The Associate Judges Act is amended by changing Sections 2.1 and 3 as follows: 23
- 24 (705 ILCS 45/2.1) (from Ch. 37, par. 160.2-1)
- Sec. 2.1. If the maximum number of associate judges 25 26 authorized under Section 2 of this Act is appointed, and the 27 chief judge of the circuit considers the number of associate 28 judges inadequate, additional associate judges may 29 appointed as provided in this Section 2.1.
- The chief judge of the circuit in which it is desired to 30 31 one or more additional associate or temporary appoint contractual judges shall file in writing a petition with the 32

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Supreme Court listing the reasons such circuit needs the additional associate or temporary contractual judge and detailing what use will be made of each such associate or temporary contractual judge. The Supreme Court shall determine whether a clear need exists for the additional associate or temporary contractual judges. The Supreme Court shall consider the following factors in making its determination: (1) case loads in the circuit; (2) the number of associate judges, resident circuit judges, temporary contractual judges, and circuit judges in the circuit; (3) the number and location in the circuit of major federal and state highways; (4) the location in the circuit of state police highway truck weighing stations; (5) the relationship of urban population to large metropolitan centers in the various counties of the circuit; the location in the circuit of state institutions including, but not limited to, universities, mental health facilities and penitentiaries; (7) any other factor deemed relevant by the Supreme Court.

If the Supreme Court finds that the factors listed in this Section 2.1 are met and there has been shown to be adequate local or State funding, then the Supreme Court may authorize the chief judge of the circuit to appoint one or more temporary contractual judges to help with the backlog of cases. The temporary contractual judge appointments shall be made from persons who have previously served as associate judges and whose terms have expired.

The Supreme Court shall either approve or disapprove the petition. If approved, the Supreme Court shall notify in writing the chief judge who filed the petition as to the number of additional associate or temporary contractual judges who may be appointed in the circuit. If the Supreme Court disapproves, it need not state its reasons therefor.

The maximum number of associate judges appointed under the provisions of this Section 2.1 shall not exceed 50 throughout

- 1 the state. There is no limit within this maximum figure on the
- 2 number of associate or temporary contractual judges that may be
- appointed pursuant to this Section 2.1 in any particular 3
- circuit. 4
- 5 (Source: P.A. 84-1395.)
- 6 (705 ILCS 45/3) (from Ch. 37, par. 160.3)
- 7 Sec. 3. Associate judges shall be retired at the same age
- as that set by law for judges, unless retained as temporary 8
- contractual judges pursuant to Section 2.1 of this Act. 9
- (Source: P.A. 79-687; 79-1360.) 10
- 11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 12 becoming law.".